desire of sent a proposal to set up such a park, if so, when, and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether keeping in view the conductive climate and conditions in Himachal Pradesh, Government would propose to set up a Software Technology Park there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and . (b) Yes, Sir. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Department of Information Technology has already established a STPI Centre at Shimla, which is operational since July 2001.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Electronic Exchanges in Bihar and Maharashtra

1365. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three-years;

(b) the funds earmarked, distributed and utilized, so far for the said purpose during this period; and

(c) the plan formulated for setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges in these States during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, details of electronic telephone exchanges set up by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Bihar and Maharashtra and exchanges set up by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Mumbai during the last three years are as under:

Years	Number of exchanges set up in BSNL		Number of exchanges set up in MTNL
	Bihar	Maharashtra {except Mumbai)	Mumbai
2002-03	44	126	1
2003-04	45	17	6
2004-05	38	5	1

(b) Details of the funds earmarked, distrubuted and utilized in Bihar and Maharashtra so far for the said purpose during this period are as under:

Years	Details of funds earmarked & utilized during the last three years of BSNL (Rs. in crores)					
	Bihar			Maharashtra (except Mumbai)		
	Earmarked	Distributed	Utilised	Earmarked	Distributed	Utilised
2002-03	251.73	250.90	250.01	257.34	257.34	270.39
2003-04	152.24	151.80	139.15	274.92	274.92	223.98
2004-05	117.33	116.94	116.00	134.65	135.65	54.86

Years	Details of funds during the last three years of MTNL, Mumbai (Rs. in crores)	
	Earmarked	Distributed/Utilised
2002-03	41.11	21.92
2003-04	19.01	17.15
2004-05	24.53	20.39

(c) BSNL has planned to open 23 exchanges in Bihar in the remaining plan period. However, with availability of wireless technology (WLL/GSM), more and more telephones are planned to be provided on wireless technologies for which 581 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) having capacity of lines 4,35,750 and 134 BTSs having capacity of 1,00,500 lines are planned for Maharashtra and Bihar respectively.

MTNL has proposed to set up 18 exchanges mostly Remote Switching Units (RSUs) each in the financial year 2005-06 and 2006-07 of the 10th Five Year Plan in Mumbai subject to requirement.

Access to cable television for broadband operators

1366. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: